

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2853**

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In re the Application of

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. In reply to the May 16, 2007 Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,980,018 (Taylor). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In particular, Taylor at least fails to disclose "a wiping mechanism being mounted on the mounting base and including a wiper base supported on the mounting base movably toward the nozzle surface and a wiper attached to the wiper base," as recited in claims 1 and 12.